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SUBJECT: ECONADS: MEETING OF JULY 31, 1975

REF: A. AGENDA- AC/127-A/474

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SUMMARY: ON JULY 31, 1975 ECONOMIC COMMITTEE HELD LAST MEETING BEFORE AUGUST BREAK. GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON AGENDA ITEMS IV, VIII AND IX BELOW. DETAILS FOLLOW. COMMITTEE WILL RECONVENE AT NATO ON SEPT 4. END SUMMARY.

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1. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE HELD BRIEF WINDUP MEETING AT NATO JULY 31, 1975, BEFORE RECESSING FOR AUGUST. ACTION AGENDA WAS AS FOLLOWS:

I. APPROVAL OF DECISION SHEET (AC/127-R/473) FOR  
JULY 10-11 ECONADS MEETING ON ECONOMICS OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA,  
GDR AND HUNGARY. COMMITTEE APPROVED DOCUEMNTN.

II. BAM: SECOND TRANSSIBERIAN RAILWAY (AC/127-WP/432)  
COMMITTEE CONTINUED EARLIER DISCUSSION ON SUBJECT, NOTING  
FRENCH CONTRIBUTION (REF DOC). CANADIAN REP (HERMAN)  
DISTRIBUTED BRIEF CANADIAN NOTE EXPRESSING DOUBTS THAT LINE  
CAN BE FINISHED ON SCHEDULE; HE ALSO ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON  
FRG AND US INVOLVEMENT IN RAILWAY PROJECT. CHAIRMAN BILLY STATED  
THAT COMMITTEE WOULD KEEP SUBJECT UNDER REVIEW AND INVITED  
FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE ON  
US ROLE IN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

III. PROSPECTS OF SIGNIFICANT EXPORTS OF NATURAL GAS FROM  
USSR TO WESTERN EUROPE UP TO 1985. (AC/127-WP/434). CHAIRMAN  
BILLY WELCOMED US CONTRIBUTIONS (INR RS-63, PER  
STATE 178204, AND SANITIZED VERSION OF PRAGUE 1912 ON ORENBURG  
GAS PIPELINE, WHICH US REP (SANDERS) CIRCULATED AT MEETING.

IV. THE CUBAN ECONOMY AND THE FIRST PARTY CONGRESS  
(AC/127-WP/436). COMMITTEE NOTED REF DOC SUBMITTED BY CANADIAN  
DEL (PARA 6, REF B). CHAIRMAN BILLY RECALLED ECONADS  
INTEREST IN CUBAN DEVELOPMENTS IN EARLIER YEARS AND OBSERVED,  
IN LIGHT OF CHANGING ECONOMIC SITUATION AND CURRENT LIFTING  
OF OAS SANCTIONS, THAT COMMITTEE MAY WISH TO RETURN TO SUBJECT  
FOR MORE DEFINITIVE, UPDATED EXAMINATION OF OUTLOOK BASED UPON  
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DELEGATIONS, NOTABLY THE US. ACTION  
REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WASHINGTONS VIEWS ON SUGGESTION  
OF AN UPDATED ECONADS STUDY OF CUBA AND POSSIBILITY OF US  
PROVIDING AN INITIAL DRAFT.

V. USSR- INFLATION-MYTH AND REALITY (AC/127-WP/435).  
COMMITTEE NOTED UK PAPER (REF DOC). US REP CIRCULATED COMMENTS  
CONTAINED IN MOSCOW 9444.

VI. ACCOUNT UNIT AND SATISTICA DATA ON EAST/WEST TRADE  
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(ED/EC/75/51). COMMITTEE NOTED REF DOC PREPARED BY ECONOMIC  
DIRECTORATE IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER FRENCH DEL QUERY ON POSSIBLE UTILI-  
TY OF USING UNIT OF ACCOUNT TO ANALYZE TRADE FLOWS  
BETWEEN NATO AND EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

VII. PRESS REVIEWS (ED/EC/75/54 AND ED/EC/75/55). COMMITTEE  
NOTED DOCUMENTS.

VIII. IMPACT ON ECONOMY OF RUMANIA OF RECENT FLOODS. IN  
ADDITION TO LAST WEEKS CANADIAN NOTE ON RUMANIAN FLOOD SITUATION  
(PARA E, REF B), COMMITTEE RECEIVED NOTES ON  
SUBJECT FROM UK AND FRG DELS ( BOTH BEING SENT EUR/RPE/ WOLFE

AND EMBASSY BUCHAREST). US REP CIRCULATED REPORT CONTAINED BUCHAREST 3310 WHICH MISSION ALSO PROVIDED TO POLADS. CHAIRMAN BILLY SAID THAT ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE WOULD PREPARE CONSOLIDATED ASSESSMENT IN FEW WEEKS, IN LIGHT OF FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME. HE SUGGESTED ECONADS MAY WISH COLLABORATE WIT POLADS IN FURHTER EXAMINATION OF SUBJECT. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY ADDITIONAL US COMMENTS ON SITUATION AS ITS RAMIFICATIONS BECOME CLEARER WOULD BE WELCOME ADDITION TO PICTURE AVAILABLE TO ECONADS SO FAR.

IX. PROGRAMME OF WORK (ED/EC/75/53). COMMITTEE BEGAN DISCUSSION OF COMING 1975-76 ECONADS WORK PROGRAM (REF DOC). DETAILS BEING REPORT SEPTEL. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT GUIDAN E IN TIME FOR SEPT 4 ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING. BRUCE

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